

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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WELFARE SCHEMES FOR GIRL CHILD
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the SAARC Decade of the Girl Child, implemented during the 1990s, has left Indian adolescent girl (11-17 years age-group) in a poorer condition than ever before;
- (b) if so, the facts in this regard;
- (c) whether the scheme implemented in 2000 selected Integrated Child Development projects during the 9th Plan;
- (d) if so, the main reasons for not implementing this scheme properly in the said plan; and
- (e) the steps being taken to implement the scheme properly and achieve the aims for the Ninth Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c)&(d) The Kishori Shakti Yojana, a scheme for empowerment of Adolescent Girls was approved in the year 2000 during 9th Five Year Plan and has been sanctioned in 2000 blocks covered under ICDS Scheme. The Scheme is to be implemented by the State Governments.
- (e) Guidelines for the implementation of the Scheme have been given to State Governments and funds have been released.